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HONG KONG BUREAU

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Hong Kong Bureau--September 1985

I. GENERAL

A. For the first time in its 140 years of colonial rule, Hong Kong has elected legislators. Indirect elections to fill a number of newly-created seats in the Legislative Council, the colony's lawmaking body, were held last week, with 24 candidates winning seats for a 3-year term. Previously, all Legislative Council seats were by appointment.

B. The Hong Kong Government and textile manufacturers continued during the month to lobby against the controversial Jenkins textile bill. Textiles and garments account for nearly 40 percent of Hong Kong's overseas sales, a large part of which go to the U.S. The Jenkins bill, if it passes Congress and survives the Reagan veto, will have a major impact on Hong Kong's economy.

C. Renewed confidence in Hong Kong real estate during the past year has led to increased property values and rents. Rent increases for the bureau, though, have not been unreasonable. Leases on two of our apartments were renewed this summer at an average increase of 10.5 percent. Both leases are good for 2 years. On a related subject, the Consulate's controversial and much-delayed Shousan Hill apartment building has finally been completed and declared ready for occupancy. Some newly arrived families, mostly belonging to the Defense Liaison Office, have been assigned to that building. Work on the larger Consulate apartment complex in the mid-levels is still continuing, with no word on when it will be ready.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The major focus of the bureau's operations this month was the long-awaited conference of party delegates of China's communist party. As expected, many younger party members were moved up to positions on the Central Committee, the Politburo, and the Secretariat. Most of the reports and announcements from the conference were provided by XINHUA and covered by Okinawa Bureau. Our bureau provided supplementary reporting from the Hong Kong leftist press and Hong Kong XINHUA service, as well as editorial reports based on television coverage of the event. Reaction to the conference is now appearing in the provincial media.

2. The bureau contributed to FBIS coverage of the Thai coup attempt on 9 September. Some 17 items, mostly from our coverage of AFP, ran on the Wire.

3. AFP coverage also figured prominently in the bureau's reporting on the latest developments in the Greenpeace ship sinking incident. The news service provided extensive coverage of the day-by-day revelations of French Government complicity, as well as reaction from New Zealand. AFP and our coverage of the Wellington POST also enabled the bureau to provide good reporting on the latest turn of events in U.S.-New Zealand relations. The Wire ran several POST pieces on the visit to the U.S. by New Zealand Foreign Minister Palmer and his less-than-successful talks there.

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4. Chief monitor [] left on EOT leave in early September, and will return next week. [] contribution to bureau output, both translating and editing, was sorely missed, with others having to pickup the heavy workload that he customarily handles on his own.

B. Communications

The bureau's communications circuit continued to show improved reliability following the Clark-Guam upgrade that took place in late July. The number of requests for refiles and incoming messages with garbles remained substantially less than before the upgrade.

C. Lateral Services

1. At the request of the deputy consul general, the bureau provided the Mexican Consulate in Hong Kong with copies of all available press reports on the Mexico City earthquake. The Consulate had no communications with Mexico City for the first several days following the earthquake, depending almost entirely on local news reports. The Consulate provided a courier to pick up copies of the bureau's AFP reports, as well as AFP and other reports incoming from other bureaus. The bureau also provided the U.S. consul general's office with the initial reports of damage to the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City.

2. The U.S. Embassy in Wellington requested that FBIS discontinue filing to them all routine FBIS reports on New Zealand. This request was passed on to LRB, and the bureau is now sending them only priority AFP or other non-New Zealand press materials. Due to current reception difficulties, the bureau is presently unable to cover Wellington radio.

D. Technical

Communication Services Limited, the firm that is supplying the bureau's terminal equipment for the microwave backup circuit, reported last Friday that one of the two terminal packages had arrived in Hong Kong. Our techs will meet with CSL personnel this week and examine the equipment. The other terminal is expected to be delivered in a few weeks. Installation of the conduit to house the cable for this circuit is now underway at the bureau, with completion expected tomorrow. Installation of the conduit at Mt. Butler will get underway next week.

III. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel:

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1. New associate editor [] EODed on 19 September. [] replaces [] who resigned effective 31 August.
 2. Monitor supervisor [] returned to work half-days on 16 September after a lengthy absence following major surgery. [] expects to return to full-time duty this week.
 3. The bureau "family" grew in size by two this month, with a daughter being born to monitor [] and a son to senior teletypist [].
 4. Effective 1 October, Hong Kong per diem will be increased from \$119 to \$125. TLA/SPA daily rates were increased from \$55 to \$70 earlier this summer. The new rates reflect the increased cost of temporary accommodations in Hong Kong. Many hotels have increased their rates by 20 percent over last year. This increase is largely due to a current shortage of hotel rooms.

IV. VISITS

A. To the bureau:

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1. Arthur Kobler, new deputy consul general, for a briefing on FBIS and the bureau, on 11 September.
 2. Prod Group's [] 18-21 September, as part of a Far East orientation trip.
 3. Okinawa senior editor [] of Okinawa senior editor [] on 20 September, while en route back to Okinawa from a trip to China.
 4. Messrs [] 20-25 September, as part of their inspection of Far East bureaus.
 5. [] while en route to his new assignment in Bangkok, on 30 September.

B. From the bureau:

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1. Associate editor [] to London Bureau on 13 September, while in England and France on private travel.
 2. The bureau chief to Okinawa Bureau, 13-17 September.

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Bureau Chief

Attachment: Monthly Production Report

cc: Original and 3 - Hqs
1 - C/Bangkok, C/Okinawa, C/Seoul

HONG KONG BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	889150
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	96740
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1422

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	4900	10140	271

 III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
 (PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

CHINA	
BEIJING INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN TAGALOG	2120
BEIJING TELEVISION SERVICE IN MANDARIN	7890
CHANGSHA HUNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	8450
CHENGDU SICHUAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	5920
GUANGZHOU GUANGDONG PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	12480
GUIYANG GUIZHOU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	6810
HAIKOU HAINAN ISLAND SERVICE IN MANDARIN	6210
KUNMING YUNNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	7300
LANZHOU GANSU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	4260
LHASA XIZANG REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	11360
NANNING GUANGXI REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	7040
URUMQI XINJIANG REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	5470
WUHAN HUBEI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	8330
XIAN SHAANXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	5420
XINING QINGHAI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	5030
ZHENGZHOU HENAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	3540
BEIJING XINHUA HONG KONG SERVICE IN CHINESE	6090

BEIJING ZHONGGUO XINWEN SHE IN CHINESE	45210
BEIJING BAN YUE TAN IN CHINESE	1810
BEIJING BAOGAO WENXUE IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING BEIJING WANBAO IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING CHINA DAILY IN ENGLISH	21710
BEIJING GONGREN RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING GUANGMING RIBAO IN CHINESE	27310
BEIJING GUOJI SHANGBAO IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING GUOJI WENTI YANJIU IN CHINESE	42290
BEIJING HONGQI IN CHINESE	67960
BEIJING HUANQIU IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING JIEFANGJUN WENYI IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING JINGJI GUANLI IN CHINESE	7880
BEIJING JINGJI RIBAO IN CHINESE	23790
BEIJING JINGJIXUE ZHOUBAO IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING JINGJI YANJIU IN CHINESE	16280
BEIJING LIAOWANG IN CHINESE	38320
BEIJING LILUN YUEKAN IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING LISHI YANJIU IN CHINESE	370
BEIJING NONGMIN RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING RENMIN RIBAO IN CHINESE	52740
BEIJING RENMIN RIBAO OVERSEAS EDITION IN CHINESE	24210
BEIJING SHIJIE JINGJI IN CHINESE	2820
BEIJING SHIJIE LISHI IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING SHIJIE ZHISHI IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING WENXUE PINGLUN IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING WENYI BAO IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING WENZHAI BAO IN CHINESE	0

BEIJING XINWEN ZHANXIAN IN	
CHINESE	0
BEIJING ZHEXUE YANJIU IN	
CHINESE	0
BEIJING ZHONGGUO FAZHI BAO IN	
CHINESE	960
BEIJING ZHONGGUO QINGNIAN BAO IN	
CHINESE	7480
CHENGDU SICHUAN RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	0
CHONGQING CHONGQING RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	0
FUZHOU ZHONGGUO JINGJI WENTI IN	
CHINESE	0
GUANGZHOU GUANGZHOU RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	0
GUANGZHOU KAIFANG IN	
CHINESE	0
GUANGZHOU NANFANG RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	1080
GUANGZHOU YANGCHENG WANBAO IN	
CHINESE	0
HAIKOU HAINAN RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	0
KUNMING YUNNAN RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	500
LANZHOU LANZHOU WANBAO IN	
CHINESE	0
SHANGHAI SHIJIE JINGJI DAOBAO IN	
CHINESE	6300
SHENYANG LILUN YU SHIJIAN IN	
CHINESE	0
TAIYUAN SHANXI RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	1420
WUHAN CHANGJIANG RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	1190
WUHAN HUBEI RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	0
XIAN SHAANXI RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	990
YINCHUAN NINGXIA RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	4210

HONG KONG	
HONG KONG ASIA TELEVISION LTD IN	
ENGLISH	630
HONG KONG TELEVISION BROADCAST LTD IN	
ENGLISH	0
HONG KONG COMMERCIAL RADIO IN	
ENGLISH	1170
HONG KONG DOMESTIC SERVICE IN	
ENGLISH	1060
HONG KONG AFP IN	
ENGLISH	158820

HONG KONG ASIAWEEK IN		
ENGLISH		5310
HONG KONG CHANWANG IN		
CHINESE		0
HONG KONG CHENG MING IN		
CHINESE		9090
HONG KONG CHING PAO IN		
CHINESE		0
HONG KONG CHIUSHIH NIENTAI IN		
CHINESE		0
HONG KONG FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW IN		
ENGLISH		5210
HONG KONG HONG KONG STANDARD IN		
ENGLISH		5900
HONG KONG HONG KONG STANDARD (BUSINESS STANDARD SUPPLEMENT) IN		
ENGLISH		4540
HONG KONG HSIN WAN PAO IN		
CHINESE		2550
HONG KONG KUANG CHIAO CHING IN		
CHINESE		0
HONG KONG MING PAO IN		
CHINESE		3670
HONG KONG PAI HSING IN		
CHINESE		5780
HONG KONG SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST IN		
ENGLISH		18150
HONG KONG SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST (BUSINESS NEWS SUPPLEMENT) IN		
ENGLISH		14840
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN		
CHINESE		2840
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN		
ENGLISH		1730
HONG KONG WEN WEI PO IN		
CHINESE		19020
NEW ZEALAND		
WELLINGTON OVERSEAS SERVICE IN		
ENGLISH	600	
WELLINGTON THE EVENING POST IN		
ENGLISH		18620
PHILIPPINES		
MANILA FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY IN		
ENGLISH	7610	
MANILA FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY IN		
TAGALOG	610	
MANILA RADIO VERITAS IN		
TAGALOG	600	
DAGUPAN CITY DZDL RADIO IN		
TAGALOG	1180	
QUEZON CITY MAHARLIKA BROADCASTING SYSTEM IN		
ENGLISH	12920	
MANILA BULLETIN TODAY IN		
ENGLISH		19210

MANILA BUSINESS DAY IN ENGLISH	27890
MANILA METRO MANILA TIMES IN ENGLISH	2870
MANILA PHILIPPINES DAILY EXPRESS IN ENGLISH	5560
MANILA PHILIPPINES SUNDAY EXPRESS IN ENGLISH	1390
MANILA TIMES JOURNAL IN ENGLISH	2840
DAVAO CITY PEOPLE'S DAILY FORUM IN ENGLISH	0
DAVAO CITY SAN PEDRO EXPRESS IN ENGLISH	0
DAVAO CITY THE MINDANAO DAILY MIRROR IN ENGLISH	0
QUEZON CITY ANG PAHAYAGANG MALAYA IN ENGLISH	15090
QUEZON CITY VERITAS IN ENGLISH	1300